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The Parent Engagement Committee thanks you for your ongoing commitment to promoting the success of Michigan's youth. Research demonstrates that **engaging parents and family** in their child's education significantly improves academic achievement and aspirations.

Perhaps you have witnessed some of these benefits in your school:

- literacy improvements of a kindergarten student whose grandfather reads to him daily.
- the development of sound decision-making skills in an eighth grader with a caring mother who encourages responsible independence.
- the continuation to post-secondary education of a high school junior whose older cousin assists with college and scholarship applications.

The benefits can be further improved when you, as educators and school professionals, collaborate with parents to maximize their ability to support their child's education.

This Toolkit is intended to support that partnership and continue to maximize your record of educational achievement. In this section you will find strategies for:

- developing your parent engagement plan.
- enhancing and sustaining your current efforts.
- addressing specific barriers to parent engagement.
- best practices and tools you can download, customize and utilize to support your work.
- links to an extensive list of resources.

We hope you find this information helpful as you supplement your school's existing parent engagement efforts and promote student achievement through parent-school collaboration.

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